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HOW ABOUT FOOD SHORTAGE?

With all the excited explanations in which officialdom is indulging about grave dangers confronting us because of threatened food shortages we are moved to ask some blunt questions.

What is all this nervousness about anyway or is it just a plain smokescreen to hide the incompetence and lack of vision of pretty much the same kind of officials, who were decreeing only a few years back, that millions of hogs should be burned and that carefully selected land owners should be paid a bonus for permitting their soil to lie idle?

Is the feeding of an army of fifteen million any more of a problem than it was to feed the same number of unemployed?

After all is said and done is it not a fact that if all these armed forces were here at home right now and spending their time either in loafing or displacing workers now employed on jobs that they would eat just about the same amount as they eat in the army at present. If this is true what real foundation is there for getting so het up about alleged food shortages which on the face of the facts seem to have little or no excuse for existence?

Let us grant that other nations also want our food and that not a little of that which is shipped is sunk by enemy submarines. But we always did have an enormous surplus, tons upon tons of which were allowed to lie and rot, or be dumped in the bay to bolster up prices. Yes, every year we threw away enough food to feed half of Europe.

In view of these well known facts all this noise about food shortages both looks and sounds rather fishy.

Might it be that there is some other motive than really winning the war that is the actual motive behind all this?

Might there be a bunch of none too clean profiteers who are hiding in the background? Might they even now be bulging with aspirations to secure plenty of food to gamble with a little later on?

Note the unceasing din and clamor for higher prices to induce the farmers to really outdo themselves in producing food. No group, with whom tom-toms is a religion, ever staged a more continuous circus, than the so-called farm bloc is staging back in Washington these days in behalf of jumping the food prices.

But when we get right down to brass tacks just when did the poor farmers ever profit on food prices? Are those making the noise really farmers?

When did the farmers ever reap more than a scant share of any wave of increased prices? It was always the profiteers, slipping in between the farmers and the consumers, who got the lion's share of every wave of high prices.

Somehow we cannot help feeling that practically all this noise originates with these slickers, who are out in force during every war to give us all a merciless trimming. Have they got some scheme cooked up to crash through existing price ceilings and thus get theirs, as usual anyway?

RICKENBACHER DISCREDITS HIMSELF

There is Eddie Rickenbacher, who made a name for himself during World War No. 1, by the record he then made in bagging enemy pilots and planes. He also had a recent adventure in the Pacific, where he and six other airmen escaped death by the skin of their teeth.

Now this same Eddie has taken to the lecture platform and the radio, where all the labor haters and open shop professors are welcoming him for his attacks on labor unions and his unstinted praise of scabs. He is also helping to peddle some of their stock misinformation.

It is the same old bunk, about scabs being required to pay dues to unions that have made working conditions as good as they are. But why does Eddie stop there? Why not go a step farther and advocate that such patriotic scabs should also be relieved from the burden of paying taxes to any government?

Poor Eddie, we are truly sorry for you, because you are certainly making a first-class fool of yourself by the nonsense you are uttering about our unions.

Somehow it seems that air aces have a failing for making fools of themselves when they take to the lecture platforms. You are not the first one to do this. Charles Lindbergh made the same mistake when he undertook to tell us that the Russians would not have a look-in with the Germans, when those two got to fighting. Lindbergh was also telling the American public that we were war-proof against the axis powers and ought to enter a negotiated peace with them.

However, when war did come, Lindbergh did have sense enough to shut up and go to work. He is now doing his bit to help win the war he so mistakenly had thought never would come to us.

You would do well, Eddie, to follow Lindbergh's example. You certainly do make an ass of yourself every time you open your mouth in defense of the practice of scabbing in American industry.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

SHE WAS EXPENDABLE
A maiden lady lived in a small house in the country with one servant. One morning the bell rang. The maid admitted the visitor, an evacuee officer, arranging for homes for children evacuated from London. Then she rushed upstairs. "Please, mum," she blurted out breathlessly, "you've got to have two babies, and the man's downstairs!"

MIRACLES
St. Peter and St. Thomas Aquinas were having a golf game one heavenly day. St. Peter's first drive was right up to the cup for a hole in one. St. Thomas, brandishing his celestial club, stepped onto the tee and drove a hole in one, also.

"All right," said Peter, "now let's cut out the miracles and get down to work."

SOUND AND FURY

Private Gerd went over to see a girl the other night. They turned on the radio and started to dance when her father came in. Without saying a word, he grabbed Gerd and threw him down the stairs. The next day Gerd called the girl and asked her what the big idea was. "Oh," said she, "Father is deaf and he couldn't hear the radio."

SHANGRI LA

Several months ago, a traveling salesman had to stop for gas on an isolated backwoods station in the mountains.

"What do you think of this war?" he asked the attendant, trying to start a conversation.

"What war?" was the answer. "Well, what do you think of MacArthur?" the man further queried.

"MacArthur? Who's he?" came the reply.

"That's enough," said the salesman excitedly, "just sell me ten more gallons of gas and five new tires."

CHANGED THE BREED

A little old man, unsteady on his feet, was standing in a street-car, so crowded that he hadn't even a strap-hold. Several times the lurching of the car threw him into the lap of a broad-gauge woman. Every time he landed she got angrier. The fifth time she shoved him off, kicked him with her foot and shouted:

"Get off me, you old fool. Who do you think you are?"

The little man picked himself up and said:

"Begorra, all me long life I thought I was an Irishman, but I guess now I'm just a Lap-Lander."

NO CAMOUFLAGE WANTED

Three soldiers on leave were strolling through a beautiful forest. They suddenly came upon an artist of his easel. In front of him was a beautiful nude girl model, an umbrella held in front of her. The soldiers gazed awhile, and then one said: "I wish it was Hedy Lamarr." The second said: "I wish it was Dorothy Lamour." The third said: "I wish it was raining."

JOKE WAS ON HIM

A Philadelphia man met a friend who said to him hilariously:

"I say, old man, I passed your house last night, and saw you and your wife through your bedroom window kissing and hugging like a couple of love-crazy fools. For heaven's sake, if you want to pull off a romancing stunt like that, why don't you pull down the shades?"

The other man laughed uproariously:

"Ha! Ha! Ha! The joke's on you! I just got in a couple of minutes ago from a two-day trip to New York."

SOMETHING

Englishman: "I say, what are they doing?"

American: "Dancing."

Englishman: "They get married later, don't they?"

SLIGHT MIXUP

Johnny played truant from school one day and the following morning was worried how to square himself with the teacher. He decided to write a note of excuse signing his mother's name and achieved the following:

"Dear Teacher: Please excuse Johnny for being absent yesterday. I tore my pants. Yours truly, Mrs. Jones."

SANTA GOES HAYWIRE

The minister calling on one of the congregation was met at the door by little Johnny.

Minister: "Sonny, is your father home?"

Johnny: "Nope. Pop hasn't been home since Christmas when Mom caught Santa Claus kissing the maid."

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

Wife: "Why do you always go into the garden when I sing? Don't you like to hear me?"

Husband: "It isn't that. I just want the neighbors to see I am not beating you."

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

Mother was helping John with his arithmetic, and to impress it on his mind she said, "Now, John, the Binks family next door. There's Mr. Binks and Mrs. Binks and the baby. How many is that?"

"Oh, that's easy. Two and one to carry."



WIDE IS THE GATE, By Upton Sinclair. Price \$3.00. Published by Vanguard Press, New York. Order from the Author, Monrovia, California.

had spent the last 20 years doing nothing but travel there. Yet I know that he has hardly been out of Pasadena. Many refugee writers, personally familiar with the German, French, English, Italian and Spanish scenes for most of their lives, marvel at Sinclair's uncanny facility for verisimilitude.

There is no let-down in "Wide Is The Gate". Carrying on the story of the background for World War 2, Sinclair takes Lanny Ludd through the bitter struggles of the Spanish revolution. Some picayunish critics carp at Sinclair for making, a sort of "matinee idol" hero out of Lanny in the midst of all these globe-shaking happenings, but, so far as I can remember, there is nothing illogical in the character and it could all have happened.

The story is long and can be read only after many sittings. But it is gripping. It stands on its own legs as a narrative, and yet it is vastly more than a story. Like the others in this quartet, it constitutes the most readable recapitulation of recent world history available. If every adult in the United States should carefully read these four Sinclair novels, the chances of getting a durable peace after the current fratricide is over would be greatly enhanced.

—AL SESSIONS

TESTED RECIPES for UNION HOME MAKERS

(Union housewives—and men who pride themselves in cooking—are asked to send favorite tested recipes to RECIPES EDITOR, 5323 Occidental St., Oakland. Be sure to give name, address and union).

Meat 'Alternates'

The important nutrients in meat are protein, iron, thiamin, riboflavin and niacin. We can find these same foods nutrients in these alternates—cheese, eggs, dry beans, soybeans, peanuts, fish, poultry and rabbit.

Following are two recipes for "meat alternate" dishes:

BEAN SAUSAGES: Mash 3 cups of cooked beans and mix well with 1/2 cup bread crumbs, 2 beaten eggs, 1 teaspoon sage, and salt and pepper to taste. Shape into

NUT AND POTATO CAKES: Nut and potato cakes are easy to make and tasty. Use left-over legs, meat, sweet or white. Mash and season, and add one cup of chopped walnuts, almonds or pecans. Brown the cakes on both sides in a little fat.

Further information on meat alternates may be secured from your Home Demonstration Agent.

—AL SESSIONS

POEM OF THE WEEK

Soldiers of Production

Inch by inch they raised the banner,
Token of their Country's praise;
And each heart was beating faster
While they stood with upturned gaze.

Silent, grim determination
Shown on every loyal face
As they proudly watched their banner
Till it reached its honored place.

"E" the symbol, "Badge of Honor,"
None could miss the import shown,
They had taken up the challenge
And the trust would be their own.

Soldiers, all, behind the limelight,
Each one striving with his might,
Backing up their gallant brothers
With the weapons in their fight.

Would there be a single shirker?
No, not one who stood that day
Gazing upward to their banner
And to God, who showed the way.

—ALBERTA E. MACKY



Maj. John L. Smith of the U. S. Marines has 19 Jap planes to his credit—Have you as many War Bonds?

Show all our American boys that you're doing your part on the home front to win the war. You've done your bit; now do your best—Buy more War Bonds.

Union Label

Jingles

When your wifie sweeps the room,
Have her use a union broom.

Do, or don't you, care a rap
For the label on your cap?

"Shoot if you must my old gray
head,
But fire with a union gun", she
said.

We're TELLING you—not just
hinting:

Get the label on your printing!

Shoe feel better if you're able
To get a pair with the union label!

Stepping out? Then primp your
hair

In a beauty shop that's fair.

Paul Revere on his famous ride
Said: Look for the Union Card
outside!"

Bathroom faucet's on the
hummer?

Just telephone a union plumber!

On "101" or "99"

Look for the joints with the union
sign!

It's glamour that you seek,
Wear union hose—watch'em peek!

Confucius say: "Buy

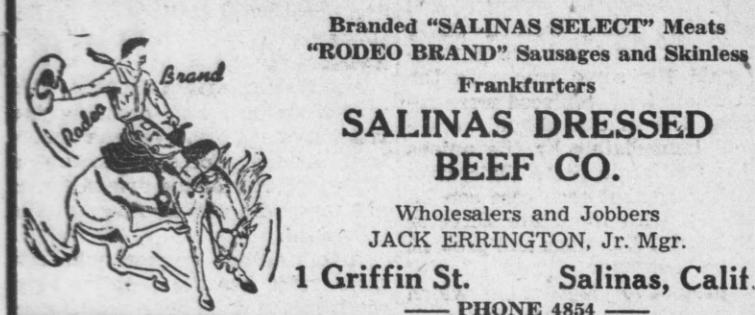
No Fooling!

L. H. R. of The New York Times nods to Walter Scott and composes the following: **O Russia!** in our hours of peace So ominously bolshevistic; In such a fearsome time as now, What a magnificent friend art thou!

I know nothing except the fact of my ignorance. —Socrates.

A Dead One!

He is dead who sees nothing to change, No wrong to make right; Who travels no new way, or strange In search of the light. Who never sets out for a goal That he sees from afar, But contents his indifferent soul With Things As They Are!

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'Absenteeism' Not Always the Fault of Worker, Surveys Reveal

Washington, D. C.

Anti-Labor employers who begrudge workers an honest dollar are spreading propaganda that war industries are plagued with absenteeism because "wages are too high." The bosses' argument is that working men and women earn so much they take time off to "go on

sprees." That claim was riddled by the Department of Labor in a special study. It showed that good wages are a negligible factor in absences from the job.

To show how ridiculous is the employers' contention, the department pointed out that, "if followed to its logical end, it would mean the best way to keep workers on the job would be to make the rate of pay so low" that absences would result in financial hardship or starvation.

Actually, absences arise from a variety of causes, with sickness heading the list, the department said. Furthermore, illnesses are tied up closely with working conditions.

"Reasonable hours of work and periodic days of rest contribute to a reduction of absences from sickness," the department's report said.

In congested war centers miserable housing facilities and poor transportation account for a large portion of absences, the department said.

When workers must live in hotels or tents, and then spent two or three hours a day traveling to their jobs, that leads to "added strain" and gives employees no time for personal affairs, forcing them to stay away occasionally to catch up, the report explained.

Because medical facilities and shopping services are geared to daytime operation, workers who have to see their doctors or undertake necessary shopping must do so during working hours.

Solution for this problem, the department said, includes decent working conditions, housing and transportation; safety programs to prevent accidents, and community action to provide shopping and medical services at all times.

Also, campaigns against absenteeism are helpful, but these, to be successful, must be launched jointly by employers and union, the department declared. By far the most effective method, it said, is through formation of a labor-management committee in each plant.

CITIZENSHIP FOR FILIPINOS, FOOD FOR PUERTO RICO ASKED BY SEAMEN

San Francisco, California

Full citizenship for the Filipinos and food for the people of Puerto Rico are urged upon the U. S. government by the San Francisco branch meeting of the National Maritime Union.

The seamen know from first hand experience what the problems of both these nationalities are. They say:

"The Filipino people in this war have demonstrated their loyalty and devotion to the cause of the United Nations in general and the United States in particular. There are thousands of Filipino merchant marines who daily risk their lives in submarine and raider infested waters."

The plight of the Puerto Ricans was described as so bad that many are eating only two pounds of rice a week, and naturally cannot do war work on such meager provender.

The NMU charges that Fascist elements are deliberately trying to prevent the Puerto Ricans from making an all-out war effort, to starve the liberation movement in that country and to disrupt the Latin-American good neighbor policy.

The excuse given is that we cannot send food to Puerto Rico because of the danger and lack of available shipping," the NMU noted. But it answered:

"There are a sufficient number of ships in American ports waiting to be loaded for a longer time than would take to make the trip to Puerto Rico and back."

The Time to Boast!

When it shall be said in any country in the world, "My poor are happy; neither ignorance nor distress is found among them; my jails are empty of prisoners, my streets of beggars; the aged are not in want, the taxes are not oppressive; the rational world is my friend because I am a friend also of its happiness" — when things can be said, then may that country boast of its constitution and its government. — THOMAS PAINE

We cannot sit huddled within our own borders and avow ourselves merely an assembly of well-to-do hucksters who care nothing for what happens beyond. —THEODORE ROOSEVELT

AFL-CIO SEAMAN'S UNIONS DROP QUARRELS TO DRAFT JOINT ATTACKS ON PEGLER

San Francisco, California

anti-aircraft and anti-submarine guns which merchant ships now carry, and thus free Navy sailors for other important duty, Pegler, Scripps-Howard columnist, a purveyor of falsehoods designed to aid Hitler.

Union leaders who have been at loggerheads for years jointly signed an open letter to Pegler, with copies for Roy Howard, Pegler's boss, and Editor Frank Clarke of The San Francisco News.

They charged that Pegler's column "Work at Sea," published in the San Francisco News (January 29) and in many papers from coast to coast, was intended to stir up dissension between Navy gun crews on ships and civilian seamen who equally risk their lives to deliver war cargoes.

It is impossible for us to believe that the false and misleading statements contained in your columns were merely the result of careless reporting," the maritime union leaders wrote.

"There is a quality and pattern in that particular column which should be highly pleasing to Dr. Goebels and the men in his camp. In fact, it has all the earmarks of having been conceived at such a time."

DELIBERATE DISTORTION "Who but an enemy propagandist would purposely distort facts—suggesting 'friction between the enlisted Navy gun crews and the civilians merchant sailors'—because the civilians get fabulous pay for sailors, including overtime and bonuses, whereas the Navy men draw only the modest pay for their rates without extras!"

The unionists pointed out what Pegler could very easily have ascertained for himself, the pay for a Navy gun crew member, of whom 90 per cent are rated "Seaman First Class," and the pay for an "A. B." the higher rating of merchant sailors, is approximately equal.

The civilian seamen's base pay is \$100 a month and the Navy man's base pay is \$60 a month. But the Navy man gets so many more extras, allotments for dependents and for clothing, bonus of 22 per cent for sea duty which is paid even when the ship lies in port, all medical care free, cuts in income tax and many other expenses, that the resulting pay is about equal.

Because the National Maritime Union has patriotically urged that seamen be trained to operate the

union's demands that their answer to Pegler get the same space as his column did.

Signing the letter were:

Captain C. F. May, president of the AFL National Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, West Coast Local 90.

Secretary R. Merriweather of the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association No. 97.

Secretary Treasurer Harry Lundberg of the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

Secretary George F. B. King of Marine Local 3, CIO American Communications Association.

International Representative Ralph D. Rogers of the CIO National Maritime Union.

Secretary Vincent Malone of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water-tenders and Wipers Association (Independent).

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The addresses can be had by writing Eastern Cooperative League, 135 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

HOW TO FORM CO-OPS

In other towns and cities new co-ops are being started. A new Handbook, "How to Organize a Cooperative Buying Club" has just been printed by Eastern Cooperative League and can be had for 50¢.

OPEN TO ALL

Anyone can shop in a co-op, non-members as well as members. But anyone who sees the value of a consumer controlled store and a consumer controlled testing kitchen, soon wants to join and have a vote in policy matters. Membership is always open to all.

Newspaper Guildsmen Win Seattle Times Poll; All Sheets in City Now Organized

Seattle, Washington

Editorial workers at The Seattle Times, in a National Labor Relations Board election, voted 42 to 18 to have the CIO Seattle Newspaper Guild represent them in collective bargaining.

Choice was between the Guild and no union.

The Times is the last of three Seattle daily newspapers to be organized into the Guild. The Post-Intelligencer has been organized since a strike in August, 1936, and the Star since a strike in July, 1937.

Both the Post-Intelligencer and the Star are organized on an industrial basis, while The Times held the NLRB election for the editorial division alone.

POSTAL ODDITIES

EDWARD WEST (DADDY) BROWNING'S MAIL ROOM WAS LINED WITH 2,200,000 LOVE LETTERS!

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FIRST STORE IS NOW A POST OFFICE!

THE NEW YORK CITY POST OFFICE HANDLES MORE MAIL THAN ALL OF CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, COMBINED!

Pepper's Bill For War Plan Wins Support

Washington, D. C. Powerful backing for the Pepper-Kilgore bill to create a central agency for overall war planning and production came with the announcement that Senators are endorsing the bill, which already has the backing of win-the-war forces.

TORIES ACT FAST
An immediate reflection of this was seen in a hasty move in the Senate to sidetrack the bill to the Military Affairs Committee, where opponents of national planning will try to bury it. This fight was won by anti-victory forces who defeated a proposal to commit the bill to the Senate Labor Committee, where progressive forces are better represented.

Senators Pepper and Kilgore, sponsors of the bill, used the "unconditional surrender" theme of the Casablanca conference of President Roosevelt and Premier Churchill to illustrate the need for over-all planning, declaring:

"The Casablanca commitment calling for unconditional surrender of the Axis requires immediate and decisive action by the Congress to smash once and for all the bottlenecks choking the output of the arms and food demanded by an all-out assault on Germany and Japan."

STEPS TO VICTORY

Passage of the bill will mean four long steps toward victory, Pepper and Kilgore said. These include fitting government officials, farmers and workers into the total war picture; breaking "the bottlenecks now throttling war production at dozens of points"; a reduction in red tape and paper work now choking the war drive; and a cut in surplus personnel.

"Now engaged in operating the complex programs of government agencies involved in getting out production."

"We are pledged to destroy the enemy," the two Senators said. "We will be a long time doing it unless we wipe away these conflicts and settle down under a single economic command that knows where it is going and is determined to get there by the quickest and shortest route."

"The quicker this bill becomes law, the quicker will this war end with our Commander-in-Chief's great challenge—unconditional surrender of the Axis."

COOKS' UNION PLEDGES HELP FOR SHIPYARD RESTAURANTS

San Francisco, California
Incontrovertible evidence that union rubber workers earn higher wages than workers in non-union rubber plants was supplied by the U. S. Dept. of Labor recently.

Proof came in a report issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics entitled "Wages in the Rubber Manufacturing Industry."

"A distinct differential exists," said the report, "in average hourly earnings between organized and unorganized plants in each of the size classes. The level of earnings in union plants as a whole is constantly above the level of earnings in non-union plants as a whole in the same size groups."

In plain figures, the report showed that the average hourly earnings in union mechanical goods plants is 84c, while the average in non-union plants is only 74c.

Wage rate levels in tire factories were found to vary greatly in different sections of the country. The Akron-Detroit area tops the list with average hourly earnings for all workers at \$1.14. Other Midwest regions, come second with 97c. In the East, average hourly earnings are 93c, in the Far West, 88c, and in the South, 71c, the report showed.

SPEED-UP SHOWN

...Interesting facts regarding speed-up were also unearthed by Government research workers.

Labor productivity "increased remarkably in tire and tube plants" between 1929 and 1940, according to the report, "although no fundamental changes in technology occurred."

U. S. Department of Labor investigators attributed this increase to "extensive application of time and motion study throughout the industry." Rubber workers call it more frankly "extensive speed-up."

Explaining that by speeding up the workers greater production is now being obtained with fewer men, the report said, "production in 1940 was about 10 per cent greater than in 1929, and this output was achieved by the use of about 68 per cent of the employment and only 54 per cent of the man-hours necessary in 1929."

The study also revealed the extent of unionism in the rubber industry. It was found that at least 80 per cent of the workers in the tire and tube industry, and 78 per cent of those in mechanical goods plants, are under collective bargaining agreements.

Help sink those Japanese "fishermen!" Put a full ten percent of your income into War Bonds or Stamps, every pay day. It's VITAL.

U. S. Treasury Department

CORRESPONDENT TELLS OF SOVIET ACHIEVEMENT ON MEDICAL FRONT

By ROBERT S. MUSSEL

Pressed by the necessities of war working within earshot of artillery and aerial bombs, Soviet surgeons and scientists are achieving miracles.

One scientist has transplanted nerves from a corpse to a living man.

Another has developed a serum that combats premature aging of humans.

Another appears to be near an effective preventative and cure for tuberculosis.

Russian surgeons, it was officially disclosed, have reduced war deaths from stomach wounds by one-third; from head and chest wounds by two-thirds; from spinal wounds by four-fifths; from anaerobic bacterial infections, from 60 to 10 per cent.

GAS GANGRENE CONQUERED

Thanks to war-inspired methods, deaths from gas gangrene and tetanus, once the twin scourges of battlefields, were said to occur among Russian troops now only in rare instances.

Prof. A. S. Vichnevsky is credited with the successful transfer of a motor nerve from a person killed in an accident to the shattered arm of a Red Army commander where the nerve took root.

Since then this original patient has returned to active duty and the operation has been successfully repeated many times. Vichnevsky has perfected a method of preserving the nerve in a manner similar to the storage of plasma in a blood bank, it was said.

Prof. A. A. Bogomolets of the Soviet Academy of Sciences has perfected the serum to combat premature aging in humans, thus increasing longevity, and it has been found useful in treating fractures caused by bullets or shell splinters, ulcers and wounds.

DOCTOR OPTIMISTIC

Bogomolets believes his serum may eventually make it possible for man to achieve a 150-year life span. It is the product of 40 years of research.

Because tuberculosis often breaks out among civil populations in wartime, Soviet scientists are giving it intensified attention, proceeding on the theory that resistance of tissues to the infection is dependent on the conditions of the irritability nerve apparatus.



AFL-CIO WARN PRESIDENT THAT RISING HCL TO FORCE MORE PAY

Washington, D. C.

Organized labor bluntly notified President Roosevelt that unless the Government clamps the lid down on the persistently increasing cost of living, wages of American workers will have to be increased accordingly.

The President gave AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray a sympathetic hearing when they went before him to present their joint views on this all-important subject.

The labor leaders told the President that cost of food and other necessities of life is soaring "out of bounds." They declared that wages cannot be stabilized at present levels or kept within the "Little Steel" formula of the National War Labor Board unless living costs are held down.

They advised the President that the "Little Steel" formula is now out of date and too rigid and inflexible to protect American workers from economic injustice.

At the same time they emphasized that it is not the desire of the AFL and the CIO to take any action which would upset the Administration's wage stabilization program.

The labor leaders reminded the President that the trade union movement had accepted the wage formula reluctantly and only on the promise that living costs would be stabilized along with wages.

The "Little Steel" formula provided that wages could be increased 15 per cent over levels obtaining on Jan. 1, 1941. That figure was based on an estimated increase in living costs of about 15 per cent between Jan. 1, 1941, and May, 1942.

However, even official statistics show that the cost of living has mounted at the rate of one-half of one per cent a month from last May to date and the experience of workers in cities all over the country shows that these statistics sadly underestimate the actual hike in prices for necessary commodities.

Portrait of an Old Tailor

By MAX PRESS
Hunched in his chair he sits and eyes

The fevered, surging tide of men; No sun or wind can struggle through

The windows of his musty den.

Wrapped in the cloak of self, he heeds

No more the siren calls of life, Like some old warrior spent at last,

Home from a long and bloody strife.

Who knows what dreams still linger here,

What memories stir this time-worn husk,

What flame still smoulders in his heart,

Whose voice still calls from out the dusk?

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Ruml Tax Set-up Branded As Fake To Ease Payments For Wealthy Class

Washington, D. C.

If Congress "falls for" the Ruml tax-forgiven plan, it will cost Uncle Sam \$10,000,000,000 Randolph Paul, Treasury expert, declares.

Almost alone of the nation's newspapers the labor press has been making that claim for weeks. It has denounced the Ruml plan as a fake, designed as a windfall for wealthy taxpayers.

Paul contended that the argument of supporters of the proposal that it won't cost the government anything is too absurd for serious consideration.

Taxpayers now owe the government \$10,000,000,000, Paul pointed out, and if the taxes are forgiven it will be necessary to wipe off "assets" to that amount.

Paul testified before the House Ways and Means Committee which began consideration of tax legislation. He declared that agitation for "skip-as-you-go" schemes had already done great harm, encouraging taxpayers to believe that the plan was as good as approved, thus relieving them of the necessity of filing returns on last year's incomes. The result, it was predicted, will be widespread tax default on March 15.

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Welfare Commission To Hear Evidence on Mercantile Industry Standards March 12

San Francisco, California

The Industrial Welfare Commission of the State of California has given notice that it will hold a Public Hearing in the Mercantile Industry in the Auditorium of the State Building, 217 West First St., Los Angeles on Friday, March 12, 1943 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of taking evidence on minimum wages, maximum hours of work, and standard conditions of labor in that industry and taking evidence for or against the recommendations of the Mercantile Industry Wage Board to the Industrial Welfare Commission.

In the offices of the Division located at 208 State Building, Los Angeles, 515 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, 245 Holland Building, Fresno, and 504 New California Building, San Diego, there is available to interested persons for study, the findings and recommendations of the Mercantile Industry Wage Board to the Industrial Welfare Commission.

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Dutch Defiant

A Dutch underground pamphlet urges Netherlands citizens to do all in their power to sabotage the Nazis and halt the persecution of the Jews in Holland was received recently by the Netherlands Information Bureau in New York. It was reported to have been circulated in both Dutch Roman Catholic and Protestant churches.

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Poetic Justice

The question arises, What would

be a suitable sentence for a war

contractor who sells the Army

worthless wire? How about a tele-

graphed reprove that comes too

late, because of a break in the

line?

One catches more flies with a

spoonful of honey than with

two tucks of vinegar. —HENRY

IV OF FRANCE.

—Buy U. S. War Bonds!

Army Journal Still Running Pegler Poison

New York City

American soldiers facing the forces of Hitler across the English channel are being propagandized by the most poisonous pen in America. In the Stars & Stripes, official A. E. F. newspaper, appears the venom of a man who since Pearl Harbor has:

Compared the Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. armed forces to Hitler;

Accused the U. S. government of treachery;

Heaped suspicion upon at least one of our Allies;

Questioned by implication whether the war is worth winning.

The man is Westbrook Pegler, whose column is a feature of Stars & Stripes. How it got there is a mystery but the Newspaper Guild of New York, CIO, has protested to President Roosevelt and calls upon other labor unions and patriotic Americans to demand that Pegler be removed from the Army newspaper.

Here are a few Peglerisms written since Dec. 7 which are hardly fit to be circulated among our soldiers abroad;

Dec. 8, 1941: "We all know that most of the arguments that the American First crowd used against President Roosevelt were true. He put us into the war against Germany by evading the Constitution."

Dec. 11, 1941: "Dealing off the bottom of the deck, the national government betrayed every worker in the country in the decision of the arbitration board to grant Lewis the closed shop . . . The whole transaction reeked of treachery."